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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 2040

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ELAB, ILO, SW

SUBJECT: ILO-63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE (ILC)

REF: (A) STATE 102699; (B) STATE 103405 (NOTAL)

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1. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REF (A), WE
SOUGHT EARLY APPOINTMENTS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AND
LABOR MINISTER BUT WERE ADVISED THAT BOTH HAD FULL
CALENDARS FOR NEXT FEW DAYS. IT WAS SUGGESTED
INSTEAD THAT WE DISCUSS ILO MATTER WITH SECOND-IN-
COMMANDS WHO WERE, IN ANY CASE, BETTER INFORMED

ON ISSUES INVOLVED. ACCORDINGLY, CHARGE AND LABATT PAID CALL MAY 11 ON LEIF LEIFLAND WHO IS IN PROCESS OF TAKING OVER POSITION OF MFA SECRETARY GENERAL. ALSO PRESENT WAS MFA OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, ORJAN BERNER. EARLIER THE SAME DAY, LABATT HAD MEETING WITH INGEMAR ELIASSON, PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY AT MINISTRY OF LABOR, AND BERT ISACSSON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT MINISTRY.

2. IN BOTH INSTANCES, WE STRESSED VITAL IMPORTANCE OF COMING CONFERENCE IN DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT US REMAINS IN ILO AND MADE OTHER POINTS IN REF (B). WE LEFT PAPER WITH BOTH OFFICIALS WHICH DREW HEAVILY ON TEXT OF REF (A).

3. LEIFLAND ASSURED US THAT HE WOULD GIVE MATTER HIS MOST SERIOUS ATTENTION. ELIASSON COMMENTED THAT US WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO WOULD BE "CATASTROPHE" AND THAT OUR APPEAL FOR SWEDISH SUPPORT WOULD BE STUDIED WITH GREATEST CARE AND SYMPATHY.

4. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION AT LABOR MINISTRY, ISACSSON MENTIONED THAT NORDIC CIVIL SERVANTS CONCERNED WITH ILO WILL MEET IN OSLO ON MAY 12 TO DISCUSS ILC AGENDA. ONE QUESTION THAT WILL RECEIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION, HE SAID, RELATES TO WHETHER NORDIC GOVERNMENTS SHOULD PLAY MORE VIGOROUS ROLE ON APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS COMMITTEE.

5. SWEDISH DELEGATION TO ILC WILL BE FOLLOWING:
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AKE BOUVIN - GOVERNMENT DELEGATE AND CHAIRMAN
(COMMENT: BOUVIN IS CHIEF LEGAL ADVISER AT LABOR MINISTRY)
BERT ISACSSON - GOVERNMENT DELEGATE
THORBJORN CARLSSON - WORKER DELEGATE
GULLMAR BERGENSTROM - EMPLOYER DELEGATE
(MINISTER FOR AID AND DEVELOPMENT, OLA ULLSTEN, WILL ATTEND AS VISITING MINISTER FROM JUNE 13-17 AND BE ACCOMPANIED BY ELIASSON.)

6. LABATT WILL PAY CALLS NEXT WEEK AT LO AND SWEDISH EMPLOYERS CONFEDERATION AND REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT REACTION.
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